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LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE MARKETS IN NORTH KOREA

According to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Ordinance No 25, the city and county people's committees shall assign administrative officers to each livestock exchange market under their jurisdiction, to guide and control the marketing of livestock. Permission must be obtained from the city or county people's committees whenever a new market is opened, or when an existing market is closed or moved to a new location. To obtain permission, an application must be submitted giving the following information: name of the market, location, size, facilities and value thereof; reason for transferring of location or for closing, etc. The city and county people's committees shall have the right to refuse the transfer, closing, or opening of a new market. The market user's fee, ranging from 10 won to 20 won per head, shall be charged for the animals admitted to the exchange market.

Persons committing any of the following acts are liable to punishment under the law: (1) selling or exchanging oxen or horses not registered in the livestock registry, (2) being delinquent in the payment of market user's fee; or (3) gaining andue profit through unfair trading or other illegal acts.

The present rules shall supersede the "North Korean Livestock Market Rules" promulgated 10 February 1949, by the Provisional North Korean People's Committee.

> Pak Mun-kyun, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

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